THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) India and Nepal share open border. There are no restrictions on movement of people across the border. There are no reports suggesting migration of Nepalese to India due to harassment by Maoists.

Foreign Private intelligence agencies

†319. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign Private intelligence agencies have become very active;

(b) whether retired Heads of Indian Agencies are involved in them;

(c) whether there is any system of control the activities of foreign intelligence agencies;

(d) whether there is any indication of anti-India activities by them; and

(e) if not, the steps being taken by Government to ascertain the reasons of their activity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) There are no inputs to suggest that either foreign private intelligence agencies have become very active or the retired Heads of Indian Agencies are involved in them.

(c) to (e) The Central and State intelligence and security agencies remain alert and vigilant to foil nefarious designs of foreign intelligence agencies, as a result of which as per available information, 135 espionage modules have been busted since 2001 to October, 2007.

Blue print or war against Naxalites

320. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Naxalites have had a free run in more than a hundred districts for years and Government is now finally preparing a blue print to wage a war against Naxalites and has finalized an action plan to curb them;

(b) if so, the details of the strategy that has been formulated; and

(c) to what extent these steps have helped in checking the activities of naxalites in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per information available, in 2007, till 31-10-2007, there have been 1285 incidents and 571 casualties, as against 1285 incidents and 610 casualties in the corresponding period of 2006. In 2006, naxalite violence was reported in areas falling in 395 police stations in 91 districts in 11 States, out of a total number of 8488 police stations in those States. Government's approach is to combat naxalite activities in a holistic manner, in the arenas of security, development, administration and public perception management. State Governments undertake necessary action to combat maxalite activities, with the Central Government supplementing their efforts and resources through a range of measures that include deployment of Central paramilitary forces, strengthening of the State police and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

intelligence agencies, reimbursement of security-related expenditure, providing training to State police forces, sharing of intelligence, bringing about inter-State coordination and assistance in development works. Close watch on the situation is maintained. Taking steps as appropriate and necessary, having regard to the situation obtaining, is a continuous process.

Legislation to combat terrorism

321. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI DARA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that United Nations in its report has punched huge holes in India's anti-terrorism preparedness by publishing "India lacks capabilities to win terror war" as our terror finance laws do not comply with UN Resolution 1373;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that terrorism has reportedly claimed 70,000 lives over the years; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to bring forward any comprehensive counter terrorism legislation during the ensuing Session of Parliament?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No such report titled "India lacks capabilities to win terror war" has been published by the United Nations.

(c) As per available information, a total of 5238 civilians and Security Forces have lost heir lives since 2005 to 31.10.2007 in Jammu & Kashmir, North-Eastern States and naxal affected areas and some other parts of the country due to terrorist violence.

(d) The unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 as amended in 2004, has the necessary provisions to deal with all facets of terrorism including financing of terrorism.

Red corridor by Maoists between AP and Chhattisgarh

322. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:
SHRI B. J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maoists propose to set up a red corridor to facilitate their movement between Andhra Pradesh and Chhattisgarh;

(b) whether this will help the above wing to strengthen their position in several areas of South-West Orissa;

(c) whether armed naxals have been sighted along Ganjam-Kandhamal border in the above sector; and

(d) if so, the action plan of Government to address the above problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Talk of a so-called red corridor is baseless propaganda.

Steps as appropriate are taken for dealing with the naxalite activities, having regard to the situation obtaining and the various inputs received from time to time.

Law and order being a State subject, State Governments concerned undertake necessary action to deal with naxalite activities.